

University of Pittsburgh



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1950 Pitt Football Facts in Brief

1950 SCHEDULE

Sept. 30	Duke at Durham
Oct. 7	Ohio State at Columbus
Oct. 14	Rice at Pitt Stadium
Oct. 21	Northwestern at Evanston
Oct. 28	Miami (Fla.) at Pitt Stadium
Nov. 4	West Virginia at Pitt Stadium
Nov. 11	Notre Dame at South Bend
Nov. 18	Michigan State at Pitt Stadium
Nov. 25	Penn State at Pitt Stadium

1949 RESULTS

Pitt 13	William and Mary	7
Pitt 16	Northwestern	7
Pitt 20	West Virginia	7
Pitt 35	Miami (O)	26
Pitt 14	Indiana	48
Pitt 22	Penn	21
Pitt 10	Ohio State	14
Pitt 7	Minnesota	24
Pitt 19	Penn State	0

Colors: Blue and Gold

Nickname: Panthers

Head Football Coach: Leonard Casanova

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History of the University of Pittsburgh

The University was first chartered, February 28, 1787, as the Pittsburgh Academy, the oldest chartered institution of higher learning on the North American continent west of the Allegheny Mountains and north of the Ohio River. In February, 1819, the University received a second charter under the name, Western University of Pennsylvania. By this charter it was given power to grant baccalaureate degrees. In 1908, through permission of the courts, the name was changed to the University of Pittsburgh.

The University granted its first degrees in 1823. Early in the 1840's engineering courses were offered and law degrees were granted. In 1865, through legislative act, the Allegheny Observatory was conveyed to the University. Here Samuel P. Langley, distinguished for solar research and for early experiments in the science of aeronautics; James E. Keeler, who discovered the moons of Saturn; and other prominent astrophysicists and astronomers have conducted research that has made the University of Pittsburgh's Allegheny Observatory known over the world.

Beginning with 1892 several schools have been added to the older College and Engineering School, granting graduate and undergraduate degrees: School of Medicine, 1892; School of Law, 1895; School of Mines, established by legislative act in 1895; Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy, 1896; School of Economics, 1910 (since 1923, the School of Business Administration); School of Education, 1910; Graduate School, 1912 (although graduate courses and graduate degrees had been offered in the 1880's in liberal arts and sciences);

Summer Session and Evening School, 1907; Extension Division, 1913; Mellon Institute, 1913; Research Bureau for Retail Training, 1922; University Medical Center, 1926; Bureau of Business Research, 1931; Falk Elementary School, a progressive school for elementary education, 1931; School of Applied Social Sciences, 1938; School of Nursing, 1939; Research in the Natural Sciences, 1944; and Graduate School of Public Health, 1948.

The University maintains at Johnstown, Pa., a resident center for more than 730 full-time junior college students and approximately 125 part-time evening students.

The University, offering the usual degrees, undergraduate and graduate, has been co-educational in all its schools and departments since 1895.

The Cathedral of Learning itself is one of the most unusual and beautiful college buildings in America. Architecturally it is a modern adaptation of the Gothic tower, modified to the practical need of a great university, and suggesting in height and reach the spiritual values which underlie university education. It houses nearly 100 classrooms and nearly 100 faculty and administrative offices; more than 100 laboratories which are teaching and research units; many of the University libraries; the student health offices; the Faculty Club; several social and assembly rooms for teachers and students; and the sixteen nationality rooms and the Commons Room.

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The 1950 Pitt Preview

A solid line and good hard running backs are the main assets at hand as new coach Len Casanova installs the T at Pitt this fall, replacing the traditional single wing of the Panthers. Not at hand will be the entire backfield which took care of both offensive and defensive assignments for three seasons.

There will be 19 lettermen missing, including seven starters of 1949, but some 19 are back.

Missing will be Lou Cecconi, leading ground gainer of the past two years, Jimmy Joe Robinson who leads all Pitt receivers in history in yardage gained snagging passes, Carl DePasqua who has the same standing when it comes to interceptions, Bobby Plotz, regular right tackle for three years, and Bernie Barkouskie, All-American left guard.

After a spring spent in switching material to fit the T, Coach Casanova named Bob Bestwick, who lettered as a defensive half last fall, to handle the key spot at quarterback.

With him will be three other juniors; Bill Sichko and Jim Campbell, shifted from fullback, at the halfbacks. Both are lettermen, but with little game experience. The third is Paul Chess, a converted wingback who played in only two games in 1950, at fullback.

There is no uncertainty about line prospects. Ted Geremsky, who started the first half of the season, and Nick DeRosa, a regular and great pass receiver, will be the ends; the veteran Nick Bolkovac, a regular, and

Bill Gasparovic, a top flight alternate, will be the tackles; either Rudy Andabaker or Don Karanovich and Mike Boldin, a three year regular, are slated for the guards; and George Radosevich and John Dazio, both lettermen, will handle the pivot job.

All in all, it's a team that could be handicapped at the start by lack of experience, both offensively and defensively, in the backfield, but that will be rugged enough up front and with enough driving type backs to make the going rough all the way.

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Pitt Breakdown By Positions

THE ENDS

Ted Geremsky and Nick DeRosa have the varsity jobs clinched. Geremsky, a 210 pound senior, started the first half of the season, and alternated from then on winning his second letter, at left. Nick DeRosa, one of the best receivers Pitt has had, played regularly at right. Behind Geremsky is Chris Warriner, a junior from Tarentum, who won his letter as a sub on the right side, and Harry Hollihan, rangy senior from Shaler, who won a minor award last fall. As relief for DeRosa there are John Masarik of Har-Brack, a minor award winner, and Joe Bozek of Rochester, a rangy sophomore.

THE TACKLES

Nick Bolkovac is back at left for the third year. One of the best in the country, the 225 pound senior from Youngstown, also does all the converting and has booted several field goals. On the right side it will be Bill Gasparovic from Harrisburg who won his letter last year, starting one game. Both offensively and defensively there is no weakness with this first set. Bob Brennen of Pittsburgh who was the alternate blocking back last fall is the second left tackle, having made rapid strides in the spring. Paired with him will be Charley Yost of Youngstown, a letterman at guard in 1948, and at tackle in 1949. The third set will be Flint Greene, senior letterman from New Kensington, and Sam DeFede of Martins Ferry, Ohio, a minor award winner last year.

THE GUARDS

Filling in for graduate All-American Bernie Barkouskie at left will be either Don Karanovich, Norwin senior, or Rudy Andabaker, Donora junior. Both are lettermen, forming the second set last fall and now battling each other for a starting post. There is no question about the right guard, senior Mike Boldin of Johnstown. With three years of starting experience he is expected to be one of the best in the business this fall. Behind Boldin is Charley Thomas, senior from Dormont, a letterman in 1948, but out with injuries last year. Behind these veterans are Merle DeLuca, Pittsburgh sophomore converted from blocking back, and Tony Romantino, speedy Donora sophomore.

THE CENTERS

George Radosevich, senior from Brentwood, and John Dazio, junior from Coatesville, are returning lettermen. Both have had some starting experience, and there is little worry over this spot. Backing them up are Gabe Gembarosky of Donora and Stuart Kline of Johnstown, both sophomores.

THE QUARTERBACKS

Starting from scratch at this position it was necessary for Coach Casanova to switch five players in his search. By the end of spring drills Bobby Bestwick, a junior halfback letterman from Shaler, had the job. He handled the ball only twice last year, playing almost exclusively on defensive. Behind him are Bob Osterhout, sophomore from Rutherford, New Jersey, formerly a fullback; Fred Botti, senior ex-blocking back from North Union; Billy Doziski, junior from

Donora and a sub right half last fall, and Jim Jennings, sophomore from Pittsburgh, a sub left half on the freshman team a year ago.

LEFT HALFBACKS

Billy Sichko, junior letterman from German Township who subbed at this post last year, is the leading contender, followed by Armand DiFonso, junior letterman from Greensburg, who wound up as the starting right half after Robinson was injured in 1949. Behind this pair are Warren Walton, sophomore from Donora, and Dave Fyock, junior from Evans City.

RIGHT HALFBACKS

Jim Campbell, junior from Derry, who won his letter as the second offensive fullback in 1949, has made an easy transition to this post. Right behind him is Billy Reynolds, hard-running sophomore from St. Marys, West Virginia, followed by Joe Schmidt, a sophomore from Brentwood, who was a blocking back on the freshman team, and who was held back by injuries late in spring drills.

FULLBACKS

Paul Chess, Meadville junior, who didn't play until the final two games last fall, has been shifted from wingback and took this job during spring drills. Joe Capp, sophomore from Newton Falls, was next, although held back by injuries in the spring. Frank Guadagnino, sophomore from Pittsburgh; John Huzvar, junior from Hershey; and Mike Omatick, transformed blocking back, complete the roster at this spot.

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The Opposition

DUKE

1949 Record: Won 6 - Tennessee, Georgia Tech,
North Carolina State, George Washington

Lost 3 - Navy, Wake Forest, North
Carolina

Coach - Wallace Wade (16th year) System - Single
Wing

Duke lost 10 offensive and defensive regulars, and four other lettermen, but Coach Wallace Wade has a dozen regulars and half a dozen more lettermen back including Billy Cox, All-Southern halfback and the best passer in Duke history, plus sophomores from an undefeated freshmen squad. The 1949 Blue Devils were the best since the war, and the 50 edition is expected by Coach Wade to be better.

Series Record: Pitt 3 Duke 5

1929	Pitt 52	Duke 7
1937	Pitt 10	Duke 0
1938	Pitt 0	Duke 7
1939	Pitt 14	Duke 13
1940	Pitt 7	Duke 12
1941	Pitt 7	Duke 27
1942	Pitt 0	Duke 28
1950	' 14	28

OHIO STATE

1949 Record: Won 7 - Missouri, Indiana, USC, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Pitt, Illinois, California

Lost 1 - Minnesota Tied 1 - Michigan

Coach - Wes Fesler (4th year) System - Single wing and T

Ohio State's Rose Bowl champions were hit hard by graduation, but Coach Wes Fesler expects to come up with a spirited and faster team in 1950, but lack of experience may hurt. To replace the loss of 21 lettermen will be six regulars of the two platoon outfit, three "O" men who won awards before last fall, and a large but uncertain sophomore contingent. Vic Janowicz, now shifted to quarter, and halfback Ray Hamilton are the veteran backs returning, and the line will be built around Captain Bill Trautwein at tackle, John Biltz at guard, and Sonny Gandee, a great end in 1948 who missed the 1950 campaign because of injuries. Top sophomores are tackle Jim Hietikko, guard Lou Fischer, end Bob Grimes, tailback Bernie Skvarka, and fullback John Hlay.

The Series Record: Pitt 3 Ohio State 10 Tied 1

Score by Years:

1929 Pitt 18 Ohio State 2	1943 Pitt 6 Ohio State 46
1930 Pitt 7 Ohio State 16	1944 Pitt 19 Ohio State 54
1932 Pitt 0 Ohio State 9	1945 Pitt 0 Ohio State 14
1936 Pitt 6 Ohio State 0	1946 Pitt 13 Ohio State 20
1940 Pitt 7 Ohio State 30	1947 Pitt 12 Ohio State 0
1941 Pitt 14 Ohio State 21	1948 Pitt 0 Ohio State 41
1942 Pitt 19 Ohio State 59	1949 Pitt 10 Ohio State 14

RICE

1949 Record: Won 9 - Clemson, New Mexico, SMU, Texas Tech, Arkansas, Texas A & M, TCU, Baylor, North Carolina (Cotton Bowl)

Lost 1 - LSU

Coach - Jess Neely (11th year) System - T

Coach Jess Neely figures his Owls will be "a lot better than expected", despite the loss of a number of stars that took Rice to a smashing victory over North Carolina in the Cotton Bowl. Two regular halfbacks, Sonny Wyatt, the leading ground gainer of 1949, and Billy Burkhalter, voted outstanding back of the Cotton Bowl, return. Up front seven lettermen will be available. The Owls will be directed by Vernon Glass, clever T ball handler who connected on 27 out of 49 throws last year.

Series Record: First of series

NORTHWESTERN

1949 Record: Won 4 - Purdue, Michigan, Colgate,
Illinois

Lost 5 - Pitt, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio,
Wisconsin

Coach - Bob Voigts (4th year) System - T

Northwestern lost 20 lettermen from the 1949 team, but Coach Voigts had his team clicking at the end of the season. Top returning back is Johnny Miller, hard running left half, and the line will be heavily spotted with sophomores. Strong centers and ends return, along with veteran tackle Rudy Cernoch. Wildcats will have the added incentive of revenging 1949 upset by the Panthers.

The Series Record: Pitt 1 Northwestern 0

Score by Years:

1949 Pitt 16 Northwestern 7

MIAMI

1949 Record: Won 6 - Rollins, Louisville, Georgia,
Detroit, South Carolina, Florida

Lost 3 - Purdue, Kentucky, Maryland

Coach - Andy Gustafson (3rd year) System - T

It will be the third year as head coach of the Hurricanes for Andy Gustafson, ex-Pitt star, who has successfully installed the T at Miami. Graduation losses being slight, he will bring a veteran eleven to Pittsburgh to play his alma mater. Miami will feature a fast, hard driving offense built around quarterback Jack Hackett, a clever passer, and Leo Martin, an All-American candidate at end.

Series Record: First game

WEST VIRGINIA

1949 Record: Won 4 - Waynesburg, W. & L., Quantico,
Western Reserve

Lost 6 - Ohio U, Pitt, Boston U, Virgi-
nia, Penn State, Maryland

Tied 1 - Texas Western

Coach - Art Lewis (1st year) System - T

Art Lewis, the new West Virginia head man, inherited a team that lost heavily by graduation and withdrawals, but one that still has more than two dozen lettermen returning, plus a sophomore contingent coming up from a crack freshman team that included Pitt in its list of victims. Lewis, who will stick to the T-formation, cut his squad to 44 in a rugged spring session. End Larry Ciccarelli, quarterback Bill Allen, halfback Johnny Murphy, and tackle Ker Konstantinos are top varsity holdovers.

The Series Record: Won 33 Lost 9 Tied 1

Score by Years:

1895	Pitt	0	W. Va.	8
1897	Pitt	0	W. Va.	0
1898	Pitt	0	W. Va.	6
1900	Pitt	6	W. Va.	5
1901	Pitt	12	W. Va.	5
1902	Pitt	6	W. Va.	23
1903	Pitt	6	W. Va.	29

1904	Pitt 53	W. Va.	0
1906	Pitt 17	W. Va.	0
1907	Pitt 10	W. Va.	0
1908	Pitt 11	W. Va.	0
1909	Pitt 0	W. Va.	0
1910	Pitt 38	W. Va.	0
1913	Pitt 40	W. Va.	0
1917	Pitt 14	W. Va.	9
1919	Pitt 26	W. Va.	0
1920	Pitt 34	W. Va.	13
1921	Pitt 21	W. Va.	13
1922	Pitt 6	W. Va.	9
1923	Pitt 7	W. Va.	13
1924	Pitt 14	W. Va.	7
1925	Pitt 15	W. Va.	7
1926	Pitt 17	W. Va.	7
1927	Pitt 40	W. Va.	0
1928	Pitt 6	W. Va.	9
1929	Pitt 27	W. Va.	7
1930	Pitt 16	W. Va.	0
1931	Pitt 34	W. Va.	0
1932	Pitt 40	W. Va.	0
1933	Pitt 21	W. Va.	0
1934	Pitt 27	W. Va.	6
1935	Pitt 24	W. Va.	6
1936	Pitt 34	W. Va.	0
1937	Pitt 20	W. Va.	0
1938	Pitt 19	W. Va.	0
1939	Pitt 20	W. Va.	0
1943	Pitt 20	W. Va.	0
1944	Pitt 26	W. Va.	13
1945	Pitt 20	W. Va.	0
1946	Pitt 33	W. Va.	7
1947	Pitt 2	W. Va.	17
1948	Pitt 16	W. Va.	6
1949	Pitt 20	W. Va.	7
1950	Pitt 21	W. Va.	7
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NOTRE DAME

1949 Record: Won 10 - Indiana, Washington, Purdue,
Tulane, Navy, Michigan State, North
Carolina, Iowa, USC, SMU

Coach - Frank Leahy (9th year) System - T

Coach Frank Leahy has the problem of stretching a win streak of 38 games, without the services of ten 1949 starters, but the Irish outlook is not the worst in the country. Quarterback Bob Williams, tackle Bob Toneff, and Captain Jerry Groomes at center are standouts among the returning veterans, and there are 17 other monogram winners of 1949 on hand.

The Series Record: Pitt 5 Notre Dame 11 Tied 1

Score by Years:

1909	Pitt	0	ND	6
1911	Pitt	0	ND	0
1912	Pitt	0	ND	3
1930	Pitt	19	ND	35
1931	Pitt	12	ND	25
1932	Pitt	12	ND	0
1933	Pitt	14	ND	0
1934	Pitt	19	ND	0
1935	Pitt	6	ND	9
1936	Pitt	26	ND	0
1937	Pitt	21	ND	6
1943	Pitt	0	ND	41
1944	Pitt	0	ND	58
1945	Pitt	9	ND	39
1946	Pitt	0	ND	33
1947	Pitt	6	ND	40
1948	Pitt	0	ND	40

MICHIGAN STATE

1949 Record: Won 6 - Marquette, Maryland, William and Mary, Penn State, Temple, Arizona

Lost 3 - Oregon, Notre Dame, Michigan

Coach - Clarence "Biggie" Munn (4th year)

System - Single Wing and T

Michigan State lost heavily by graduation and will have the "new look" this fall, but Coach "Biggie" Munn has fourteen lettermen back, including Captain LeRoy Crane; end Bob Carey, a fine receiver; Don Coleman, brilliant tackle; and backs Everette Grandelius and Al Dorow. A strong sophomore contingent with such runners and throwers as Don McAuliffe and Willie Thrower improves the Spartan picture.

The Series Record:

1945 Pitt 7 Michigan State 13

PENN STATE

1949 Record: Won 5 - Boston College, Nebraska,
Syracuse, West Virginia, Temple

Lost 4 - Villanova, Army, Michigan
State, Pitt

Coach - Charles "Rip" Engle (1st year) System -
Winged T

A brand new coach, "Rip" Engle who comes fresh from a fine record at Brown, brings to the Lions his winged-T formation, but the Lions lost 14 lettermen by graduation, ten returning. He must come up with a T quarterback, replace Francis Rogel at fullback, and find four new starting linemen. Outstanding returning backs are Captain Owen Dougherty, Len Shephard, and Vince O'Bara, while end John Smidansky, and center John Podrasky are top linemen.

The Series Record: Pitt 29 Penn State 18 Tied 2

Scores by Years:

1893	Pitt	0	Penn State	32
1896	Pitt	4	Penn State	10
1900	Pitt	0	Penn State	12
1901	Pitt	0	Penn State	37
1902	Pitt	0	Penn State	27
1903	Pitt	0	Penn State	59
1904	Pitt	22	Penn State	5
1905	Pitt	0	Penn State	6
1906	Pitt	0	Penn State	6
1907	Pitt	6	Penn State	0
1908	Pitt	6	Penn State	12
1909	Pitt	0	Penn State	5
1910	Pitt	11	Penn State	0

1911	Pitt	0	Penn State	3
1912	Pitt	0	Penn State	38
1913	Pitt	7	Penn State	6
1914	Pitt	13	Penn State	3
1915	Pitt	20	Penn State	0
1916	Pitt	31	Penn State	0
1917	Pitt	28	Penn State	6
1918	Pitt	26	Penn State	6
1919	Pitt	0	Penn State	20
1920	Pitt	0	Penn State	0
1921	Pitt	0	Penn State	0
1922	Pitt	14	Penn State	0
1923	Pitt	20	Penn State	3
1924	Pitt	24	Penn State	3
1925	Pitt	23	Penn State	7
1926	Pitt	24	Penn State	6
1927	Pitt	30	Penn State	0
1928	Pitt	26	Penn State	0
1929	Pitt	20	Penn State	7
1930	Pitt	19	Penn State	12
1931	Pitt	41	Penn State	6
1935	Pitt	9	Penn State	0
1936	Pitt	34	Penn State	7
1937	Pitt	28	Penn State	7
1938	Pitt	26	Penn State	0
1939	Pitt	0	Penn State	10
1940	Pitt	20	Penn State	7
1941	Pitt	7	Penn State	31
1942	Pitt	6	Penn State	14
1943	Pitt	0	Penn State	14
1944	Pitt	14	Penn State	0
1945	Pitt	7	Penn State	0
1946	Pitt	14	Penn State	7
1947	Pitt	0	Penn State	29
1948	Pitt	7	Penn State	0
1949	Pitt	19	Penn State	0

Panther Personalities



TED GEREMSKY...6-4...210 pounds...23 years old
...came to Pitt from Army service without any foot-
ball experience at Braddock...played in some games
as a freshman, and then won letter in relief roles in
1948...started as a regular last fall but was handicap-
ped by injuries in late season...caught 10 passes for
127 yards in three seasons...on basketball squad fresh-
man and sophomore years...senior in the College.

NICK DeROSA...6-1...190 pounds...21 years old...
from Donora...won letter in relief jobs as sophomore
and took part in longest scoring pass play in Pitt his-
tory...82 yard gain on throw from Lou Cecconi against
Marquette...caught 11 passes for 238 yards and one TD
...regular last fall and has picked off 15 for 347 yards
and scored 2 TD's in two seasons...senior in School of
Education.

CHRIS WARRINER...6-0...190 pounds...20 years
old...from Tarentum...won his letter as a sub at right
end last fall, shifted to right side...was fine pass re-
ceiver in high school but caught only one last fall...
junior in School of Education.

JOHN MASARIK...6-0...195 pounds...26 years old
...from Har-Brack via three years in Infantry...was
blocking back on Jayvees sophomore year...won Minor
Award at end last fall...scored winning TD in first
game...senior in School of Education.

HARRY HOLLIHAN...6-2...195 pounds...28 years
old...from Shaler Twp...four years in Army...no

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CHARLES THOMAS...6-3...195 pounds...22 years old...from Dormont...end on Jayvees as freshman...letterman at guard in 1948...out with bad knee in 1949...good blocker...took second in ICAAAA javelin in 1949...senior in Education.

CENTERS

JOHN DAZIO...6-0...205 pounds...20 years old...from Coatesville...played for ex-Panther Ted Dailey...won letter as sophomore last fall in sub duties...strong line backer and blocker...junior in Pre-Dental.

GEORGE RADOSEVICH...6-2...205 pounds...22 years old...from Brentwood...has won letter for two years, sometimes as starter...active...regular on basketball team last winter...weight man in track...senior in Education.

GABRIEL GEMBAROSKY...5-10...195 pounds...20 years old...from Donora...regular center on freshman team last fall...sophomore in College.

STUART KLINE...5-10...190 pounds...19 years old...from Johnstown...won freshman numerals last fall...aggressive...sophomore in Pre-Dental.

QUARTERBACKS

BOB BESTWICK...5-11...180 pounds...20 years old...from Shaler Twp...played left half on freshman team and again last year as sub defensive halfback...saw very little offensive service...but did several defensive jobs...threw only two passes...shifted to T quarterback in spring...junior in Business Administration.

BILLY DOZISKI...5-11...175 pounds...19 years old
...from Donora...was T quarterback in high school...
left half on freshman team...shifted to right half in mid-
season last fall...played in one game...only time he
handled ball was on punt return...junior in Pre-Medi-
cal.

FRED BOTTL...6-1...195 pounds...24 years old...
from Uniontown...played at North Union...was on squad
during '44 season...then went into Navy...has played in
but one game since returning to school...was sub block-
ing back last fall...1949 duties were confined to taking
part of opposing passer in scrimmage...senior in Col-
lege.

BOB OSTERHOUT...5-11...195 pounds...22 years
old...from Rutherford, N.J...transfer from Naval Aca-
demy...was Navy Plebe fullback in 1948...shifted to T
quarterback this spring...left handed...sophomore in
Education.

LEFT HALFBACKS

BILLY SICHKO...5-11...180 pounds...20 years old
...from German Twp...subbed for Bimbo Cecconi last
fall...carried ball 19 times for 40 yards...clever run-
ner...not good enough passer to fit too well into single-
wing left half spot...junior in College.

ARMAND DiFONSO...5-9...175 pounds...22 years
old...from Jeannette...one year at Kiski...won regular
berth at right half when Robinson was hurt in Penn
game...started to go toward end of season...shifted to
left half in spring...junior in Engineering.

WARREN WALTON...5-10...170 pounds...20 years

old...from Donora...crack sprinter in high school...second in state...been clocked in :09.8 for century...won numerals on freshman team...sophomore in Pre-Dental.

DAVE FYOCK...5-8...180 pounds...19 years old...from Evans City...father a Pitt fullback in 1927...hard runner...did not earn letter last fall...junior in College.

RIGHT HALFBACKS

JAMES CAMPBELL...5-9...195 pounds...20 years old...from Derry Twp...was first replacement at fullback last fall, winning letter...carried ball 27 times for 69 yards...never thrown for a loss...shifted to right half because of driving power...junior in Education.

BILL REYNOLDS...5-10...180 pounds...19 years old...from St. Marys, W. Va...could easily follow in footsteps of other great West Virginia backs at Pitt, such as Welch and Goldberg...rugged runner and defensive man...won numerals at left half last fall...sophomore in College.

JOE SCHMIDT...6-0...205 pounds...18 years old...from Brentwood...a fast big man who won numerals at blocking back but was high school fullback...tried at fullback for awhile...held back by charleyhorse and then a broken wrist in spring drills...brother was star at Carnegie Tech...sophomore in College.

FULLBACKS

PAUL CHESS...6-0...185 pounds...20 years old...from Meadville...high school fullback...shifted to end on freshman team...then to right half as sophomore...

did not break into lineup until last three games...punted well against Minnesota and ran against Penn State... moved to fullback in T because of speed...junior in College...outstanding back in spring drills.

JOE CAPP...5-10...190 pounds...19 years old... from Newton Falls, Ohio...played left half on freshman team...fair passer and punter...hard running type... shifted to fullback on T, a position he played in high school...sophomore in College.

JOHN HUZVAR...6-4...235 pounds...21 years old... from Hershey...played varsity ball at North Carolina State as freshman...joined Marines...entered Pitt upon discharge August of '48 ... T fullback a new spot for him...sophomore in College.

FRANK GUADAGNINO...5-10...175 pounds...20 years old...from Westinghouse in Pittsburgh...all-city selection...was excellent spinning back in high school...fast breaking ball-carrier...sophomore in College.

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Coaches

LEONARD J. CASANOVA

Len Casanova was born June 12, 1905, in Ferndale, California.

Attended Ferndale High School, and from there went to Santa Clara as a freshman in 1923.

In sophomore year he made the record book with a 97 yard punt in the traditional game against St. Marys. Spent three years as varsity halfback under Coach Buck Shaw.

Following his graduation from Santa Clara in 1927, he played one season with the famous Olympic Club in San Francisco.

He began his coaching career at Belmont High School in 1928, and in 1929 moved to Sequoia High School in Redwood City where he remained until 1936, producing top teams there.

He left the high school field in 1936 to return to Santa Clara as freshman coach, and he stayed on until he entered the Navy in 1942.

He returned to Santa Clara when released from active duty as a commander in 1946.

His opportunity to take over as head coach came suddenly. Santa Clara found itself without a head coach in August of 1946 and Casanova took over the job. Without benefit of spring drills and with a varied

assortment of returning servicemen, freshmen and novices with which to start, he had a 2-5-1 record that first year.

In 1947 the record was four wins against as many losses and included victories over Stanford and arch-rival St. Marys.

In 1948 his efforts began to pay richer dividends, with seven wins, one tie, and two losses. The losses were to California's Rose Bowl team in the opener, and to SMU's Cotton Bowl champions. The 21-21 tie was with rugged Michigan State.

Included in the wins was one over powerful Oklahoma, the Sugar Bowl champion-to-be. This was the only defeat suffered by the Sooners and their last up to the present time. Other wins were against Stanford and St. Marys.

Won eight, lost two and tied one in 1949, bowing only to California's Rose Bowl squad and to Oklahoma. Tied Stanford 7-7. As a result of the record, the Broncos went on to the Orange Bowl and defeated Kentucky 21-13.

When he took over the job at Santa Clara, he adopted the T formation and expects to continue it at Pitt.

Married Dixie Simmers of Santa Cruz in 1929. Has two daughters, Margot 15, and Andea, five.

JACK ROCHE

Jack Roche, who joined Pitt's football staff as backfield coach was born in Hurley, New Mexico, on January 2, 1918.

His father, Jack Roche, was a professional baseball player who spent most of his time in the Pacific Coast League, but was with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1914 through 1916.

His family moved to California before he entered school and he attended Sequoia High School in Redwood City, California, from 1931 through 1935, playing under Len Casanova, his current boss now head man at Pitt.

When he graduated from high school, he went to Santa Clara with Casanova who had taken the freshman job there under Buck Shaw. He played three years as a regular, his sophomore year at left half, and his last two at fullback.

After graduation in 1940, he played one entire and part of another year as a catcher with Spokane of the Western International League.

He entered the Army Air Forces as a cadet in May of 1941, and was released from active duty in January of 1946, coming out as a captain. Trained Chinese Aviation Cadets.

He went to Stanford to get his teaching certificate after getting out of service and then joined Casanova, who had taken over the head job at Santa Clara, and remained as his backfield coach for four years.

Married and has two children, a girl seven and a boy three.

ROBERT TIMMONS

End coach Bob Timmons is serving his fourth year on the Pitt coaching staff. A native of Pittsburgh, he started at Allegheny High School, moved on to Pitt for a year of freshman ball under Dr. Skip Gougler, then spent three years under Jock Sutherland, pairing with Joe Skladany at the ends in 1933.

He graduated from Pitt in June 1934 and received his masters degree in 1938.

In 1934 and 1935 he coached high school football and basketball at Smithfield, Ohio, and in 1936 moved to New Brighton High School as football and basketball coach. His high school record showed 29 wins against 12 losses.

In 1939 he was named head coach at Indiana State Teachers and won five and lost three. The following season he won seven and tied one, winning the state teachers college championship.

He entered the Navy in 1943, and that fall played at Iowa Pre-Flight under Don Faurot.

He served in the Pacific in 1944 and 1945 as Aviation Engineering Officer in the Pacific on an escort carrier and also had shore based tours with a squadron.

He returned to Indiana State after leaving the service. His complete record there shows 27 wins against 12 losses.

He is 37 years old, is married, has two children, a boy, Bobby aged 15 and a girl, Patricia, aged four.

HERMAN MEISTER

Herman Meister, Pitt's line coach, was born in San Francisco on July 13, 1913.

Attended Polytechnical High School in San Francisco.

Varsity tackle at St. Marys under Slip Madigan from 1933 through 1935, won All-Coast honors his last two years, was captaining the team as a senior.

Graduated in 1936, and then attended the University of California at Berkeley to receive his teaching certification.

Head coach at Napa, California, high school from 1937 through 1942, when he entered service.

Commissioned in Navy in 1942, and released from service in 1945 as a Lt. Commander.

Head coach at Napa Junior College in 1946, winning six and losing three.

Head coach at Santa Rosa Junior College in 1947, winning nine and losing two.

Joined Casanova's staff as line coach at Santa Clara in 1948, and remained through 1949.

Married and has son six years old.

JOHN CHICKERNEO

John Chickerno, regular quarterback on the 1938 Dream Backfield at Pitt, will be serving his second year on the coaching staff.

Chickerno came to Pitt from Warren High School in 1935, as a high school fullback, but was shifted to the blocking position in 1936, and in 1937 he alternated in the starting lineup with Johnny Michelosen and then stepped into the number one spot.

Graduating from the school of Petroleum Engineering in 1939, he spent the next two years in South America as an engineer, but in May of 1942 he returned to the States to join the Air Corps, remaining in the service until November, 1945, as a pilot and meteorologist.

He played service ball with Maxwell Field in 1944.

Since the war, he spent three years as an industrial engineer.

He is married and has two boys, one four and one-half years and one two years.

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STEVE PETRO

Steve Petro, who will handle the Junior Varsity this fall, came to Pitt from Johnstown High School, and played three years as a regular guard in 1936 from 1936 through 1938.

After graduation he played two years of professional football for Brooklyn, while working for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. He entered the service in 1942, serving first with the Air Forces and then in Intelligence.

Upon his return he went back to the steel industry and stayed out of football until last spring when he decided to get his certification in teaching. A volunteer helper during the spring drills, he was added to the staff this fall.

He is married and has one child.

WILBUR FORSYTHE

Wilbur 'Wib' Forsythe, came to Pitt from the Army Air Forces in 1946 and alternated at right tackle on Wes Fesler's team that year. In 1947 he was the regular left tackle for Mike Milligan, and then moved over to earn his letter on the right side of the line in 1948. Prior to entering Pitt he had played a season at Bucknell just before he went into the service.

He spent the last year working toward his masters degree, and was added to the 1950 staff by Coach Casanova to handle the freshmen line. He will be an instructor in the men's required physical education program.

He is a native of Smethton, and played his high school football at South Huntingdon.

Pitt All-Time Records

These figures are compiled from official statistical records of each game from 1931 through 1949. Before 1931 they are taken from play by play accounts of game. Naturally they cannot be 100 percent accurate, but they can stand until someone comes up with a better way.

			<u>Yards</u>
<u>Yards Gained Rushing</u>			
Total	Marshall Goldberg	1936-1937-1938	1,957
Season	Toby Uansa	1929	964
Game	Warren Heller	1930 (Penn State)	200
Play	George McLaren	1917 (Syracuse)	91

<u>Yards Gained Passing</u>			
Total	Louis Cecconi	1946-1947-1948-1949	1,383
Season	Paul Rickards	1944	897
Game	Paul Rickards	1944 (Army)	211
Play	Lou Cecconi-Nick DeRosa	1948 (Marquette)	82

<u>Yards Gained Passes Received</u>			
Total	Jimmy Joe Robinson	1945-1947-1948-1949	738
Season	Paul Reider	1931	379
Game	Paul Reider	1931 (Army)	182
Play	Nick DeRosa from Lou Cecconi	1948 (Marquette)	82

<u>Total Offense (Rushing and Passing)</u>			
Total	Warren Heller	1930-1931-1932	3,171
Season	Warren Heller	1931	1,338
Game	Bill Dutton	1942 (Ohio State)	308

Yards Gained Intercepted Passes

Total	Edgar Jones	1939-1940-1941	246
Season	Edgar Jones	1941	224
Game	Edgar Jones	1941 (Nebraska)	132
Play	Bob Peck	1914 (Carnegie)	75
	Edgar Jones	1941 (Nebraska)	75

Yards Gained Punt Returns

Total	Tom Davies	1918-1919-1920-1921	799
Season	Tom Davies	1920	284
Game	Tom Davies	1920 (West Virginia)	139
Play	Jimmy Joe Robinson	1945 (Michigan State)	87

Yards Gained Kickoff Returns

Total	Lou Cecconi	1946-1947-1948-1949	622
Season	Eddie Baker	1930	368
Game	Eddie Baker	1930 (Notre Dame)	138
Play	Gibby Welch	1927 (West Virginia)	105

Touchdowns

Total	Andy Hastings	1914-1915-1916-1919	30
Season	George McLaren	1917	13
Game	Warren Heller	1931 (Nebraska)	4
	Mike Nicksick	1934 (Nebraska)	4

Points After Touchdowns

Total	Andy Hastings	1914-1915-1916-1919	36
Season	Dick Booth	1927	18
Game	Ted Frye	1914 (Dickinson)	7

Field Goals

Total	Andy Hastings	1914-1915-1916-1919	13
Season	Andy Hastings	1914-1915	5
Game	Andy Gustafson	1925	3

Total Points

Total	Andy Hastings	1914-1915-1916-1919	255
Season	Dick Booth	1927	81

A Short Resume of Pitt Football

Pitt football began back when the University was known as the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1890, but the Panthers did not begin their march into the front line powers for another decade.

In 1904 the Western University of Pennsylvania eleven, for Pitt was not yet Pitt, broke into its first winning streak. Sparking this team was Joe Thompson, later Colonel Joe Thompson of World War I fame.

Joe Thompson took over as coach a few years after his graduation, and in 1910 turned out an undefeated, untied, and unscored on eleven. By this time football had firmly established itself in Pittsburgh.

A few ordinary years followed, then in 1914 under Joe Duff, brother of the present Governor of Pennsylvania, the Panthers were prepared for the event of Pop Warner, the next season.

One loss in 1914, and then not until mid-1919 did the Blue and Gold have to bow in intercollegiate competition. Thirty-two consecutive games were chalked up on the right side of the ledger.

It was the 1916 Pitt team that turned up with an innovation, for which millions of football fans since then give thanks. In addition to being undefeated, the Panthers, under the great Warner, were the first to wear numbers.

During this period the first Pitt names appeared on the All-American rolls. Bob Peck in 1915 and 1916, and still rated as one of the great All-Time All-

Americans at center, Tommy Davies at halfback, Leonard Hilty at tackle were some of the stars of the era.

Famous then, and more famous later, players were a big Scotch guard by the name of Jock Sutherland, the 1917 captain and end, now Dr. H. C. Carlson, for 27 years head coach of basketball at his alma mater; and Tiny Thornhill, who went on to coach Stanford's Rose Bowl teams.

Perfect seasons were out after 1919 for a while, but they still were winning years. Herb Stein, a center, joined the list of All-Americans, and a boy by the name of Harvey Harmon played a lot of tackle.

In 1924 Warner left, and Jock Sutherland began a 15 year regime, which started slowly but ended with the Panthers firmly ensconced among the mighty.

Only 20 games were lost during this period, and another 11 were tied. Eastern titles came in 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934 and 1937. Four times the Panthers showed in the Rose Bowl, winning the final game in 1937 against Washington.

All-Americans during the period were Ralph Chase in 1925 at tackle, Gibby Welch at halfback in 1927, Mike Getto at tackle in 1928, Ray Montgomery at guard and Joe Donchess at end in 1929, Jess Quatse at tackle in 1931, Warren Heller at halfback in 1932, Joe Skladany at end in 1933, Doc Hartwig at guard and George Shotwell at center in 1934, Averell Daniel at tackle in 1936, Marshall Goldberg at halfback and Tony Matisi at tackle in 1937 and Goldberg and Bill Daddio at end in 1938.

Sutherland left in 1948, and as the cycle turned the Pitt power fell off for the next ten years. Charley Bowser was succeeded by Clark Shaughnessy who held sway during World War II. Wes Fesler brightened the picture in 1946, and was followed by Mike Milligan who, turned in the first winning teams in both 1948 and 1949.

On the All-American rolls since Sutherland were Ralph Fife, a guard in 1941, and Bernie Barkouskie, guard in 1949.

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**Pitt Record Against
Major Opposition 1890-1948**

	Won	Lost	Tied
Army	3	1	0
Bucknell	4	2	0
Carlisle	4	4	0
Colgate	1	0	0
Cornell	2	3	0
Carnegie	23	5	1
Drake	1	0	0
Duke	3	4	0
Duquesne	4	2	0
Fordham	2	2	3
Georgetown	2	0	1
Georgia Tech	3	0	0
Great Lake	0	2	0
Illinois	0	5	0
Indiana	1	7	0
Iowa	1	0	0
Lafayette	3	5	0
Lehigh	2	0	0
Marquette	2	0	0
Maryland	1	0	0
Miami (O)	2	0	0
Michigan	0	2	0
Michigan State	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	6	0
Missouri	1	0	0
Navy	5	1	1
Nebraska	11	3	3
Northwestern	1	0	0
Notre Dame	5	11	1
Ohio State	3	10	1
Penn	10	1	1

	Won	Lost	Tied
Penn State	29	18	2
Purdue	1	4	0
S.M.U.	3	1	0
Stanford	2	1	0
Syracuse	6	2	2
Temple	2	1	1
U.S.C.	2	2	0
Villanova	1	0	0
Washington	2	0	0
W & J	19	12	2
W & L	1	0	0
W. Va.	33	8	2
William and Mary	1	0	0
Wisconsin	2	0	0

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**Pitt's All-American First
Team Selections**

Walter Camp

1915 Robert Peck, center
1916 Robert Peck, center
1918 Leonard Hilty, tackle
1918 Tom Davies, halfback
1920 Herb Stein, center

All-American Board

1925 Ralph Chase, tackle
1927 Gilbert Welch, quarterback
1928 Mike Getto, tackle
1929 Ray Montgomery, guard
1929 Joe Donchess, end
1931 Jess Quatse, tackle
1932 Warren Heller, halfback
1933 Joe Skladany, end
1934 Charles Hartwig, guard
1936 Marshall Goldberg, halfback
1937 Tony Matisi, tackle
1937 Marshall Goldberg, fullback

Football Coaches (Colliers)

1949 Bernard Barkouskie, guard

United Press

1927 Gilbert Welch, halfback
1929 Joe Donchess, end
1929 Ray Montgomery, guard
1931 Jess Quatse, tackle
1932 Warren Heller, halfback
1932 Joe Skladany, end
1934 George Shotwell, center
1936 Averell Daniell, tackle
1937 Marshall Goldberg, fullback
1938 Marshall Goldberg, fullback
1938 Bill Daddio, end

Grantland Rice

1925 Ralph Chase, tackle
1927 Gilbert Welch, halfback
1928 Mike Getto, tackle
1929 Ray Montgomery, guard
1929 Joe Donchess, end
1931 Jess Quatse, tackle
1932 Warren Heller, fullback
1933 Joe Skladany, end
1934 George Shotwell, center
1936 Averell Daniell, tackle
1937 Marshall Goldberg, halfback
1938 Marshall Goldberg, fullback

1927 Ralph Chase, tackle
 1927 Gilbert Welch, halfback
 1929 Joe Donchess, end
 1929 Toby Uansa, halfback
 1932 Warren Heller, quarterback
 1933 Joe Skladany, end
 1934 Charles Hartwig, guard
 1936 Averell Daniell, tackle
 1937 Marshall Goldberg, halfback
 1937 Tony Matisi, tackle
 1938 Marshall Goldberg, fullback
 1941 Ralph Fife, guard

International News Service

1927 Gilbert Welch, halfback
 1929 Joe Donchess, end
 1929 Ray Montgomery, guard
 1929 Tom Parkinson, fullback
 1932 Warren Heller, halfback
 1932 Joe Skladany, end
 1933 Joe Skladany, end
 1936 Averell Daniell, tackle
 1937 Marshall Goldberg, halfback
 1938 Marshall Goldberg, fullback

To Football Writers and Commentators:

This booklet has been made up for the convenience of those writers and commentators who sometime this fall will be assigned to a Pitt football game. We have tried to make it as all inclusive as possible, but there will be items which you want, and which we have omitted. In such case, or if you want special information, pictures, mats, press accommodations, or anything else in the way of service, please write or call us.

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